

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the title of the application as follows:

**Movable MEMS-Based Noncontacting Device with Tilttable, Interdigitated**

**Assemblies**

Please replace the paragraph at p. 1, ll. 5-12, with the following amended paragraph.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 09/899,002, entitled "MEMS-BASED NONCONTACTING FREE-SPACE OPTICAL SWITCH," filed July 3, 2001, **issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,701,037, on March 2, 2004,** the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. This application is also related to: U.S. Pat. No. 6,657,759, entitled "BISTABLE MICROMIRROR WITH CONTACTLESS STOPS" filed July 3, 2001 by Lilac Muller; U.S. Pat. No. 6,614,581, entitled "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A MULTI-STOP MICROMIRROR," filed July 3, 2001 by David Paul Anderson; and U.S. Pat. No. 6,625,342, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR OVERCOMING STICTION USING A LEVER," filed July 3, 2001 by Bevan Staple, David Paul Anderson, and Lilac Muller; all of which are herein incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes.